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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2621

Application No.: 10/604,200

Filed: June 30, 2003

Docket No.: 112221

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ESTIMATING AN IMAGE MARKING PROCESS
USING SCANNED IMAGE ATTRIBUTES

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3) TO CORRECT DRAWINGS IN AN IMAGE
FILE WRAPPER APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants hereby Petition that the drawings in the Image File Wrapper (IFW) of the above-identified application be corrected to reflect the drawings originally filed with this application.

I. Statement of Facts

1. Applicants filed a non-provisional application via the U.S. Patent and Trademark's Electronic Filing System (EFS) on June 30, 2003. The application contained 9 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-9) a copy of which is attached. Also attached is a copy of the acknowledgement receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which indicates 9 Figures were received.

2. Upon receipt of certified copies of the application ordered by Applicant, it was discovered that the drawings contained in the IFW for this application (10/604,200) were not the drawings that Applicant filed with their original submission.

3. On August 6, 2004, Applicant contacted the Electronic Business Center Customer Service office to determine why there were incorrect drawings in the Image File Wrapper and how to correct the obvious error. Applicant was directed to the Patent Assistance Center for help, who in turn directed Applicant to the Inventor's Assistance Center, who in turn directed Applicant to the Office of Public Records, who in turn directed Applicant back to the Electronic Business Center. Applicant's representative then talked to a Customer Service Representative, Tony (last name unknown), who looked at Applicants' original submission of June 30, 2003 and determined that, in fact, the correct drawings were submitted and were still packaged in the electronic submission with EFS identification number 42704. Tony indicated that he would e-mail the correct personnel and have the problem rectified. He also indicated that if the problem was not resolved after 7 days, when Applicant accessed the IFW, Applicant should contact the Electronic Business Center again.

4. On August 17, 2004, Applicant contacted the Electronic Business Center and discussed this matter with another Customer Service Representative, Bridget (last name unknown). Bridget indicated that she would contact the office that handled these issues to check on the status of the request to include the correct drawings in the IFW.

5. Applicant again contacted Bridget on August 30, 2004 regarding the status of this matter. Bridget telephoned Applicants' representative later the same day and indicated that the matter had been corrected. Applicant then accessed the IFW and, although the incorrect drawings were no longer visible with the application on the June 30, 2003 filing date, there were now NO drawings associated with the June 30, 2003 application filing.

6. On September 1, 2004, Applicant again contacted the Electronic Business Center and discussed the matter with Tony who, after lengthy consultations with Jenna Davis

of the Electronic Business Center, instructed Applicant to contact Robert Clarke of the Office of Patent Legal Administration.

7. On September 1, 2004, Applicants' representative discussed this matter with Mr. Clarke and was advised that Applicant needed to file the instant Petition requesting the necessary correction to the IFW.

II. Discussion

In view of the above facts, it is clear from the record that the drawings associated with this application in the IFW system until August 30, 2004 were incorrect. The drawings associated with this application in the IFW system prior to August 30, 2004, did not properly belong with this application, and did not correspond to the drawings originally filed with the application. It is clear that there were drawings filed with this application, and that currently there are NO drawings associated with the IFW on the June 30, 2003 filing date. The error in association of the correct drawings with the application was made by the Patent Office. Applicants noticed this error when Certified Copies of the application were ordered, and have acted timely to correct this error.

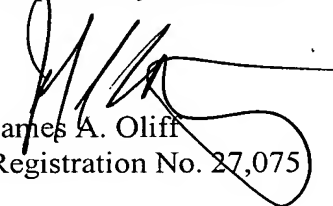
III. Relief Requested

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants request that the application documents in the IFW system for this application be corrected to include the correct drawings, as originally filed by Applicants with this application. It is also requested that this matter is corrected promptly due to foreign priority issues. That is, Applicant requests that the drawings issue be corrected immediately, so that proper certified copies of the application and drawings can be obtained for submission with corresponding foreign applications claiming priority from this application.

Because the error was an error by the Patent Office, no Petition Fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

If there are any questions regarding this Petition in particular, or this application in general, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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